Flint Hills District 4-H News

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4-H Enrollment for the New Year

The new 4-H year began **October 1st** and enrollment needs to be completed by **November 1st!** You must enroll via 4-H Online, version 2. The link is https://v2.4honline.com/. The enrollment fee is \$15 (Morris County members, please see the Morris County section on enrollment for more information on enrollment fees.) Your enrollment is not complete until the fee is paid.

Please let us know if you have any questions as you complete the enrollment process. There are also enrollment guides available on the Kansas 4-H webpage: https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/index.html

Please enroll in all projects that you plan to participate in this year. The enrollment list is what is given to project leaders so they can communicate about upcoming meetings. The final drop or add deadline for project selection is **May 1st**.

Save the Date

Horse Panorama When: January 27th, 2024

Jr. Beef Producer Day When: March 2nd, 2024

Jr. Sheep Producer Day When: March 16th, 2024

Best to all of you!

In the last year and half, I have collected many good 4-H memories that I will take with me when I leave. I enjoyed the conversations I got to have with Morris County 4-H youth and parents about themselves, their projects, and life during trips, Fair, and local events. In my time here, I saw determined youth of all ages continue to hone their skills and abilities. I watched confident, outgoing youth further themselves with practice. And I witnessed quiet youth beautifully communicate and reflect aspects of themselves in their projects. For the time and effort that volunteers put into the 4-H program and that parents invested into their children—thank you! For the different kindnesses that people have shown—thank you! I hope the best for each of you. Take care, Abby.

Shooting Sports

Safety Day for 1st year BB members will be **November 5th at 1 p.m.** at the Council Grove Rec Building. Be sure you are on the Morris County Sharp Shooters Facebook page for updates. More information will be coming on future practice dates/times.

Volunteers

Kansas 4-H invites you to make the difference in the life of a young person. Volunteers make 4-H possible through the passion, skills, and talents they share with young people. The Flint Hills District 4-H programs are always seeking individuals who want to volunteer within Chase and Morris Counties. Volunteer roles at the local level can be through the local club level or at the county or even district level. We are always welcoming project leaders and community leaders. Reach out to the Extension Office today to find out more!







NOVEMBER

November 1 - 4-H and VIP Enrollment Deadline

November 10 - Extension Office Closed

November 12 - Chase County Achievement Banquet

November 14 - Chase County Officer Training

November 14 - Chase County 4-H Council

November 14 - Morris County Officer Training

November 18 - Morris County Achievement Banquet

November 18-19 - Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

November 23-24 - Extension Office Closed Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

December 25 - Extension Office Closed

LOOKING AHEAD

January 1 - Extension Office Closed

Kansas 4-H T-Shirts

A FUNDRAISER FOR THE KANSAS 4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL! 2 Design Options for 2023

Order Deadline: December 1st, 2023 at the link

https://tinyurl.com/2023KS4HTSHIRT



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CHASE COUNTY

4-H Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for **November 14th after Officer Training** at the Community Building in Cottonwood Falls. It will be a short meeting to elect officers and set the meeting schedule for the 4-H year.

Fair Updates

Changes for the 2023-2024 4-H Year:

- Minimum weights for livestock-Market Beef 1000lbs, Market Hogs 220lbs, Market Lambs 100lbs and Market Goats 50lbs
- ♦ Fair Dates-July 18th-July 25th, 2024
- ◆ The Dog Show will take place on the Friday before, July 19th in the evening.
- ◆ The Sheep/Goat show will take place on Monday morning, July 22nd and weigh-in will be after the horse show on Sunday.
- ◆ The Swine show will still take place on Tuesday morning, July 23rd and weigh-in will be Monday evening.
- More information on weigh-in times and schedule will come out as usual prior to fair.
- Premium money may be withheld if exhibits are removed before 11am without Fair Board approval.

2024 Animal Deadlines

- Market Beef tagging/ownership deadline will be March 26th.
- Market Lamb, Market Hog, Market Goat and Bucket Calf tagging/ownership deadline will be April 27th.
- Ownership deadline for breeding animals of any species is May 1st.
- ♦ Poultry and Rabbit ownership deadline is May 31st.
- Horse Papers are due to the Extension Office by May 31st. This means that the horse/horses that are submitted to the office are the only ones allowed to be used for the County Fair.
- Dog vaccine records are due to the Extension Office by May 31st

Achievement Banquet

The date for the Achievement Banquet has been set for **Sunday, November 12th at 6pm** and will be held at the Cottonwood Falls Community Building. The theme this year is Kansas and the meal will be catered by Sherry Wilson. The menu will include pulled pork sandwiches, green beans and cheesy potatoes. Each club has been asked to bring 5 desserts. 4-H Council will cover the cost. We ask that you **RSVP** to the **Extension Office ASAP**. As a reminder, only those who turned in their record books are allowed to attend.



Record Books!!

With a new year of 4-H upon us, it is time to think about all the goals that you will set for the 4-H year within each project that you are enrolled in. It's important to look ahead at your pin applications now and see what requirements you need in order to plan ahead. Think about what leadership and citizenship roles you will need to complete in order to successfully fill out your project report forms. Starting now by just printing off the record book forms or downloading them to a computer and filling in things as simple as your name will get you a jump start for next year's record book! Here is the link to our FHD website where the forms can be found: https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/district-record-keeping/recordbooks.html



Officer Training

Officer training will be held Tuesday, **November 14th at 6:30pm** at the Community Building in Cottonwood Falls. Youth under the age of 10 must have an adult present.



MORRIS COUNTY

Morris County Enrollment Fees

If you will be a new 4-H member or your child fully completed a 2022-2023 record book, the Morris County 4-H Foundation will be covering the \$15 enrollment fee using a coupon code!

The Extension Office will be applying the coupon code in 4-H Online for qualifying 4-H Members. For new members or members who have fully completed a 2022-2023 record book, please submit your enrollment at full cost and indicate that you will be paying by check. The Extension Office will then apply the coupon code to pay for your enrollment fee. If you have questions or problems, please call the office (620-767-5136).

Officer Training

Officer training will be held at the Morris Co. Courthouse on Tuesday, **November 14th** from 6:30-8 pm. Please **RSVP** to the office by **November 13th** so we have a count for copies.

Club Leadership Roster

As Club elections are completed, Community Leaders will need to be sure the Club Leadership Roster and the club program book are turned in to the Extension Office. The roster form will be e-mailed to the Club Community Leaders.

Achievement Banquet

Please join us at our Achievement Banquet on Nov. 18th from 6-8 pm to recognize the hard work of our 4-Hers in 2022-2023! The theme for the Achievement Banquet this year is "Party on the Prairie", and the event will be held at the Morris County Fair Building.

Tickets are now available to purchase and are \$4 each. The 4-H Foundation provided a generous donation to support the Achievement Banquet, and 4-H Council is also offsetting the cost! Please remember to thank them for their support!

Club Members of Flint Hills, Willing Workers, and Dwight Sunflowers: Please reach out to your Community Leaders to order tickets!

Neosho Valley Club Members: Please reach out to the Extension Office to order tickets

Ticket order deadline: Nov. 8th at 5 pm (Club leaders or individual members: please have all orders turned in to the Office!)

2024 Animal Weights and Deadlines:

Premium Auction Minimum Weights:

Steers/heifers: 1,000 lbs.

Hogs: 230 lbs. Lambs: 90 lbs. Goats: 40 lbs.



Important Dates

Fair Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 7, 6 PM

4- H Council Meeting

Monday, January 26, 6:30 PM

Morris County 4-H Ambassadors

We have exciting news to share! Cris Wilson will be serving as the Advisor for the Morris County 4-H Ambassadors!

If you are in high school and are interested in serving as an Ambassador for the 2023-2024 4-H Year, please stop by the Extension Office or visit our Flint Hills District Morris County Ambassadors webpage (see link below) after Oct. 1st to pick up an application! There is a separate application for first-time Ambassadors and a renewal application for prior Ambassadors. Applications are due to the Extension Office in hard-copy form by Wednesday, Oct. 25th at 5:00 pm.

This year, interviews for first-time applicants as well as renewal applicants will be held on Monday, Oct. 30th from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Extension Meeting Room at the Morris County Courthouse. Interviews will last approximately 20 minutes.

If you are passionate about promoting 4-H, have time to commit to the Morris County Ambassador Program, and would like to develop your communication skills, please apply!

Please visit the Kansas 4-H webpage to view the Ambassador Position Description and additional information on the Ambassadors: https://www.kansas4-h.org/4-h-programs/teen-leadership-opportunities/ambassadors/index.html

Flint Hills District Morris County Ambassadors webpage: https://www.flinthills.k-state.edu/4-h/morris-county/ambassadors/index.html

Cloverbuds

We will be having our next meeting **November 11th at 11 am** at the Courthouse.

- January 13th
- March 9th
- May 11th
- July at the Fair
- September 14th





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